FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.249**

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TO: The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

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SUBJECT: Local Planning Commissions Providing School Districts Information

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

This Bill would amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, to provide that a governing body and a local planning commission servicing an area in a high growth county must provide the local school district land development applications that include residential housing information. The Bill also requires the superintendent and board of trustees of the school district to determine whether a particular project will result in a substantial impact on the district's ability to provide services to the additional student population.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

None.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

A survey of local governments was conducted to determine the impact of this legislation on local governments. One county responded and indicated that this Bill would have an impact. Richland County reported that approximately \$52,000 is generated in annual revenue from residential plan review fees. If deadline dates from contractors are missed while school boards are reviewing such plans, state law allows for automatic approval and the review fees are returned. Consequently, the County could lose approximately \$40,000 to \$60,000 in plan review fees.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

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